

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed March 6, 2007. Claim 27 has been canceled, and claims 1, 28, 30, 33, 52-57 and 61-63 have been amended. Claims 1-26 and 28-64 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Objection to the Specification:

The Examiner objected to the title of the application. Although Applicants traverse this objection, to expedite issuance of a patent, Applicants have amended the title to reflect the Examiner's suggestion, and respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Section 102(b) Rejection and Allowable Subject matter:

Claims 1-26, 33-40 and 52-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilkinson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,805,915) (hereinafter, "Wilkinson"). Claims 41-51 were allowed. Claims 27-32 were objected to as depending from a rejected independent claim but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants continue to traverse the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection and the Examiner's comments regarding Applicants' Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review for the reasons set forth in responses to previous Office Actions. However, in order to expedite issuance of a patent, Applicants have amended various claims to reflect subject matter the Examiner has indicated as allowable.

The Examiner indicated that, among others, claims 27 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Correspondingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite all of the features of allowable claim 27, which previously depended directly from claim 1. Additionally, Applicants have amended dependent claim 30 to recast it in independent form, including all of the features of former independent claim 1 from which

claim 30 directly depended. Applicants have also amended independent claims 62 and 63 to include the features recited in allowable claim 27. Applicants therefore submit that independent claims 1, 30, 62 and 63 as well as their dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner indicated that claims 41-51 were allowable. Applicants have amended claims 52-56 to depend either directly or indirectly from claim 41, claim 57 to depend from claim 45, and claim 61 to depend from claim 49. Applicants therefore submit that independent claims 41, 43, 45 and 49 as well as their dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application to pursue the originally presented claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above-referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5860-00101/JCH.

Also filed herewith are the following items:

- ☐ Request for Continued Examination
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
- ☐ Power of Attorney By Assignee and Revocation of Previous Powers
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☐ Other:

Respectfully submitted,

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